**Web Tools**

1. **Name of Web Tool:** Glogster (www.glogster.com)

**Does it Require a Sign Up?** Yes

**What is Its Purpose?** To poster information electronically that can be used alone or in conjunction with your Wikipedia page or other social/educational media site.

**Was it Useful?** Yes

**Why or Why Not?** Glogster is a great way to present creative lessons. You can design posters, use pictures and customize topics and link different attachments and websites for quick reference when teaching.

1. **Name of Web Tool:** Blabberize (www.blabberize.com)

**Does it Require a Sign Up?** Yes

**What is Its Purpose?** To make pictures speak and to add humor by giving words to objects/animals and to entertain educationally through animating.

**Was it Useful?** Yes

**Why or Why Not?** You can put instructional content into a very creative and humorous outlet that catches students’ attention.

1. **Name of Web Tool:** Wordle (www.wordle.com)

**Does it Require a Sign Up?** No

**What is Its Purpose?** To use different words to make a creative decoration. The text that you type in most frequently shows up more prominently on the decoration.

**Was it Useful?** No

**Why or Why Not?** It is decorative however it is not a very purposeful tool for teaching. Besides decorating classroom bulletin boards, I’m not sure how you would use it since the design made out of text is hard to read. Initially I thought Wordle would be nice for decorative purposes however you cannot format the text the way you want it.

1. **Name of Web Tool:** Animoto (www.animoto.com)

**Does it Require a Sign Up?** Yes

**What is Its Purpose?** To arrange slides or pictures in a unique way that turns it into a video.

**Was it Useful?** Yes

**Why or Why Not?** It is great to add a deeper level of interest to visual classroom presentations. Using this program lets you customize the watchable quality of visuals in a very unique way. It grabs your attention and lets you arrange visuals into an entertaining video using transitions and different kinds of cuts.

1. **Name of Web Tool:** OpenZine (www.openzine.com)

**Does it Require a Sign Up?** Yes

**What is Its Purpose?** To create your own theme based magazine about whatever you want

**Was it Useful?** Yes

**Why or Why Not?** Finished product resembles a professional publication. It uses a creative way of organizing information.

1. **Name of Web Tool:** Slide (www.slide.com)

**Does it Require a Sign Up?** No

**What is Its Purpose?** To create a slide show with customized designs, backgrounds and photos. You can share the finished product on various educational and social media sites since its finished format is compatible with many of them.

**Was it Useful?** No

**Why or Why Not? I**t has limited customization options and doesn’t allow you to do advanced editing or customization of photos.

1. **Name of Web Tool:** Photo Show (www.photoshow.com)

**Does it Require a Sign Up?** Yes

**What is Its Purpose?** To create a video show that you can personalize and share with your class using visuals that you pre-select.

**Was it Useful?** Yes

**Why or Why Not?** The most useful element of uploading photos onto this site is that you can upload a batch of many photos/pictures at once instead of waiting for them to upload one at a time. The finished project is also compatible to many different educational and social media sites.

1. **Name of Web Tool:** Easy Bib (www.easybib.com)

**Does it Require a Sign Up?** No

**What is Its Purpose?** It enables you to cite references in your chosen format (APA, MLA, etc.) It quickly puts information that you reference from any chosen media into the proper citation format.

**Was it Useful?** Yes

**Why or Why Not?** It is a simple stress-free way of making sure references are cited correctly. You can also take your formatted references and download them in word document format.

1. **Name of Web Tool:** Smile Box (www.smilebox.com)

**Does it Require a Sign Up?** It not only requires a sign-up but also requires a download.

**What is Its Purpose?** To customize photos into scrapbooks, slideshows, greetings, photo albums and collages.

**Was it Useful?** Yes

**Why or Why Not?** The customization tools are top notch. It has great already designed layouts and a polished and elegant show quality.

1. **Name of Web Tool:** Tube Chop (www.tubechop.com)

**Does it Require a Sign Up?** No

**What is Its Purpose?** To chop YouTube videos down to smaller more relevant clips that you want to concentrate on while chopping off the pieces that you don’t.

**Was it Useful?** Yes

**Why or Why Not?** It eliminates unnecessary extra parts of a video. You can save classroom time by only watching/showing the parts of video clips that pertain to what you want to show.